



The Phoenix City Council includes (seated from left) Greg Stanton, Mayor Phil Gordon and Vice Mayor Peggy Bilsten, and (standing from left) Doug Lingner, Peggy Neely, Tom Simplot, Claude Mattox, Michael Johnson and Dave Siebert.



General Government

MAYOR

Program Goal

The mayor is elected on a nonpartisan ballot to represent the entire city for a four-year term that expires in January 2008. The mayor represents the city in all official capacities and provides leadership to the City Council, administrative staff and the community at large. The mayor recommends policy direction for the city and chairs all City Council meetings.

Budget Allowance Explanation

The Mayor's operating budget allowance of \$1,925,000 is \$205,000 or 11.9 percent more than 2003-04 estimated expenditures. The increase is due to the full-year's cost of pay and benefit increases approved by the voters in the last general election as well as the full-year cost of three positions added in January 2004. The increase is partially offset by budget reductions including reducing printing and mailroom services for the Mayor's Office. These reductions may limit the Mayor's Office ability to communicate with the public.

The budget also includes grant funding for a new position in the Mayor's Office. This position will serve as the mayor's assistant for housing and community development and is funded through a four-year agreement with the Stardust Foundation.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Operating Expense	\$1,370,000	\$1,720,000	\$1,925,000
Total Positions	15.0	19.0	19.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$1,370,000	\$1,720,000	\$1,845,000
Grant Funds	—	—	80,000

CITY COUNCIL

Program Goal

The City Council is composed of eight council members elected by districts on a nonpartisan ballot. Four-year terms for council members from even-numbered districts expire in January 2006. Terms for council members from odd-numbered districts expire in January 2008. The City Council serves as the legislative and policy-making body of the municipal government and has responsibilities for enacting city ordinances, appropriating funds to conduct city business and providing policy direction to the administrative staff. Under the provisions of the City Charter, the City Council appoints a city manager, who is responsible for carrying out its established policies and administering operations.

Budget Allowance Explanation

The 2004-05 City Council operating budget allowance of \$4,138,000 is \$599,000 or 16.9 percent more than 2003-04 estimated expenditures. This increase reflects the full-year's cost of City Council pay and benefit increases approved by the voters in the last general election and the full year cost of eight council aide positions added in May 2004. The increase is partially offset by the 2004-05 budget reductions. The budget reductions reflected in the budget include the reduction of the Council's printing and training budgets as well as a further reduction in travel budgets. Also, included is the elimination of funding for

temporary staff. These reductions may impact the Council's ability to respond to constituent inquiries in a timely manner.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Operating Expense	\$3,083,000	\$3,539,000	\$4,138,000
Total Positions	47.0	55.0	55.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$3,083,000	\$3,539,000	\$4,138,000

CITY MANAGER

Program Goal

The city manager provides professional administration of the policies and objectives established by the mayor and City Council, develops alternative solutions to community problems for mayor and City Council consideration and plans programs that meet the future public needs of the city.

Budget Allowance Explanation

The City Manager's operating budget allowance of \$1,324,000 is \$52,000 or 4.1 percent higher than the 2003-04 estimated expenditures. This increase reflects normal inflationary adjustments. The City Manager's budget reduction includes holding a management position vacant for part of the year. The savings associated with this reduction are reflected in the Deputy City Managers budget.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Operating Expense	\$1,209,000	\$1,272,000	\$1,324,000
Total Positions	8.0	8.0	8.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$1,209,000	\$1,272,000	\$1,324,000